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In re Application of:  
Pietras, et al.

Serial No.: 09/509,073

Confirmation No.: 5424

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Facilitating the Connection  
of Tubulars Using a Top  
Drive

Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: J. Hawkins

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